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He must be trained in speaking "extempore," Yet ne'er repeat his phrases o'er and o'er, And when we want a written sermon, then Must wield a ready and a practiced pen. While hurling torth the thunders of the law, With honeyed sweetness must be skilled to draw Must be a potent instrument to use

Quick to detect unlicensed bras, Prompt to suppress unrighteous schisms, He must reserve the hardest of his knocks To lettich against the rank uporthodox,

In filling up a score of empty pows.

And feel the fresher each succeeding Monday : Must bring to Wednesday evening meeting A burdened soul, yet cheerful Christian greeting His heart replace with every saintly grace, A holy calm most rest upon his fac With soil uplifted to the sacred skies,

He must be planning to "economia And e'er he break to us the Bread of Life. He must be furnished with a comely wife : For children he should thank the Gracious Giver Yet not be burdened with too full a quiver.

If, Rev'ren'l Sir, this scrap should meet your eye While looking for a pulpit, please apply our terms? good Brother, come, in faith believing You'll be more blest in giving than receiving.

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Loaning a Lover.

A VERY DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT.

My sister Patricia was an heiress. Strange enough, for we had always been terribly poor down at Lowbridge, my widowed mother bringing up her four daughters with the greatest difficulty; but when brought up were worth look-Healthy habits and frugal living are apt to make good conditions, and Bess, and Amy, and Patrigia and I were as bright and handsome girls as are often seen.

Bess and Amy were twins, with eyes as blue as the sea near which they were born, rosy cheeks, and long, light-brown earls: Patrica was a sparkling brunette. while I was as perfect a blonde, with crinkled hair, like molten gold. Great had been our excitement when Aunt Betty wrote from Fairhaven:

"DEAR SISTER-IN-LAW: I am going to do myself the pleasure of visiting you this Summer. I hear that brother Abel left four girls, and I want to see them. I am gett/ng on in venrs, and will make one of them my heiress," etc.

Aunt Betty, of Pairhaven, was worth a hundred thousand dollars if she was worth a cent.

Well, in due time she came. She nut up at the hotel, for our cottage at Lowbridge wasn't big enough to hold her, with her maid, conchman, and carriage; but fortunately that was close by, and she spent the larger half of three days with us.

We all thought Bess would be her choice, for father had named her Elizabeth for Aunt Betty, though she had always been "Bess" with us; but it was not either of the twins, and it was not I -it was Patricia.

"Where did that girl get her black hair ?" Aunt Betty asked, as soon as she

saw her. "I think she looks like my brother Luke, don't you?" asked the mother,

with a wistful look, "The very image of him," answered

Aunt Betty, turning pale. I divined then, as I learned afterward that Uncle Luke had been a lover of Aunt Betty's, when both were young,

before her marriage, and the fact seemed

to have a power over her. She looked at Patricia until the girl blushed rosy-red, and would have slipped out of the room, when she called her to her, and drawing her down upon her knees on a footstool before her, she put a withered hand each side of the young

cheek, and said, warmly : "My dear, you shall be my heiress." So it was Patricia she chose to leave her money to; but we were not left out in the cold, for she sent the twins who were only sixteen, to a convent school for two years, and invited me, with Pa-

tricis, to the Hermitage It was her home-a stately old mansion of gray stone, gloomy looking on

and beautiful within, without being in the least modern. We had each a maid and the free use of the horse and carriage. After making this provision for our comfort, Aunt Betty excused herself from making company of us, and we were free as air to enjoy ourselves as we chose, provided we did not interfere with her naps. We chose to make a great many pleasant acquaintances, guided conscientiously by Aunt Betty's wishes, and the result was, that I returned to Lowbridge in the Summer, engaged to Mr. Clyde Sherrington, He was wealthy, handsome, agrocable, wellconnected. Everybody said, "Gertrude

has done well for herself." That autumn Aunt Betty died. Patricia was to come into possession of her fortune in a year, at the age of twentyone-full and undisputed possession of

\$100,000. It was arranged that we were all to come to the Hermitage to live. We did so, and had lived there quietly, as was becoming, for nearly a year, when Patricia made the acquaintance of Mr-

Gage Redmond She met him at a funeral--of all places I the occasion caused by the death of our next neighbor, General De-Lacy, Gage Redmond being a neighbor of his. He was well connected, but poor as a church mouse, people said; " so, of course, he was after Patricla's

fortune," mamma declared. " Patricia is rich and beautiful. Pray don't let her marry a fortune hunter, mamma," said I, looking up from a letter I was writing to Mt. Sherrington

" I would not, if I could help it; but what authority have I, Gertrude? said my mother. "In a few months Patricia will be in undivided possession of her fortune. We are here only by courtesy. The Hermitage is her home. I have no right to control her whatever."

" But your influence, mamma?" "Will have very little effect if she sets her heart on this Gage Raymond. Pray, stop staring vacantly out of the

say. I want assistance in this matter," "Please excuse me. I am thinking of say no, will you, dear? And you'll try to my own affairs just now, mamma. They help us by devoting yourself a bit to Pamay be of no consequence to you, but tricia, won't you?" my letter is of some importance to me." I did not mean to be saucy, only pettish; and mamma, having had long experience with four headstrong girls, bore

with me quite patiently. "Well, finish your letter, Gertrude,

and then advise with me." But my train of thought was broken, and after a few moments I put the sheet

in my writing-desk. " What can't be accomplished openly must be done by stratagem, mamma. It is probable this Gage Redmond is after Patricia's money. She is a great prize, matrimonially. Well, you say that I am prettier than Patty. Suppose I play decoy ?"

"What?" cried mamma. "Mr. Redmond is dark and reserved. I am fair and volatile. Don't you think he would appreciate my style of beauty

if I took a little pains to make him do " But Mr. Sherrington ?"

" I will tell him. He will not object."

" I think he will." "Oh, no! he will be interested in the good of the family. He comes next week. Fortunately, Patty is sick with a cold, and Mr. Redmond can see but

little of her until then " Quite pleased with my scheme, I ran up stairs to give Patricia her cough drops sitting down at the window of her room, and bowing cordially to Mr. Redmond, whom I could see writing in his uncle's study, in the great mansion across the way. The larches hid all the house but that one window. He was there a good deal, and I reflected that Patty's blue silk curtains were more becoming to my

style of beauty than bers. "I'll bring my embroidery up and sit

with you, Patry," I said. "Do," she said. "I'm tired of watching the evergreens awaying about against

that grav Spring sky," So I filled my lap with rose-colored worsted, and framed myself in the blue window drapery for Mr. Redmond's benefit. Just the colors to set off the snow and pink of my complexion. I had the satisfaction of meeting his eyes more than whispered to Clyde,

once when I glanced over the way. "Seems to me you've wonderfully good spirits, Gert," remarked Patricia,

The DeLacy dinner bell rang, and Mr. Redmond disappeared.

"Well, I must take them in another direction now," I said rising. "I can't give any more time to you, sis, for I glad that Patricia found him so. He want to finish my blue silk suit before had pale, silken hair that fell, in shad

the outside, but luxuriously comfortable Mr. Sherrington comes. You'd better owy curls, over a beautiful forehead;

Patricia settled herself obediently among her cushions. Suddenly she lifted her beautiful head. "Has Mr. Redmond called to inquire

for me to-day, Certy ?" "No, I believe not," I replied indiffer-

ently. She showed a moment's surprise, then settled herself on her couch again, and in five minutes was sleeping sweetly,

The blue silk suit was finished, and, having laid aside my half-mourning for Aunt Betty and donned it, the family

pronounced the effect "charming." "Is Mr. Sherrington coming to-day, Gertrude?" asked mamma.

"Yes."

"I want to say to you, dear, that on Mr. Sherrington's account, I don't think you had better--" she whispered, but I interrupted her by my exit from the apartment.

The next train brought Mr. Clyde Sherrington.

"How delightful that the Spring is at hand," said he; the sunshine growing warm and the grass, springing ! I passed a bit of wood coming up from the station that is full of arbutus. We will have some delightful walks, Gerty. I am very

tired of city life." "Yes, Clyde dear; but you see I have been obliged to make a little plan which will interfere somewhat with that arrangement," I replied, quickly. In fact for the family good, you know, I want Mr. Redmond to give me some time for

to lend you to Patricia !" "Lend me to Patricia!" "Yes: white I lure away a most incligible suitor she has Mamma and I conclude that it is the only way," I added, Patricia has a fortune of one hundred

thousand dollars you know." "Yes." "Well, we think this Mr. Gage Redmond is after her money. He is only a briefless lawyer. We can't afford to let Patty make such a match as that, and so, as I don't think I'm a totally uninteresting person-do you, Clyde?-I am gowindow, Gertrude, and attend to what I ing to try and flirt a little with Mr. Redmond. Now, you won't be a bear and

> At first my companion did not believe that I was in carnest, but when convinced of my sincerity his astonishment was inexpressible. I remember that he stam. mered out some faint objections, but I would not listen, and before retiring that very night 1 whispered to mamma that I had made it all right with Mr. Sherrington, and she had only to observe how nicely I would manage the

whole matter. I sent Patricia off in the morning to find arbutus with Mr. Sherrington, while I waited to receive Mr. Redmond, When he came I was in the garden,

and had ordered lunch an hour earlier than usual. My pale blue silk looked beautiful on the lawn grass. "Pray come and see my tulips, Mr.

Redmond," I called, as he walked up the avenue. He came, pleased enough, and as he was especially fond of flowers I had no difficulty in detaining him for half

an hour. Then, seeing him look at his watch, I

"We won't defer lunch waiting by for Patricia, for Mr. Sherrington is with her. They have gone roaming off after Spring flowers, and may not return these three hours. Come in and have a bit of chocolate, Mr. Redmond, I made the chocolate myself, and can recommend

So I kept him for another half-hour,

and he left pleased with his visit. Patricia and Mr. Sherrington came back only fifteen minutes after the usual lunch-hour, the former so delighted with a prefusion of pink arbutus as hardly to heed when a servant informed her that " Mr. Redmond had called to see her, and stayed with Miss Gertrude for

lunch." She had put the rosy clusters in her dark hair and on the bosom of her graceful gray dress, and, flushed with her long ramble, I think I never saw her look so perfectly lovely.

"He has been here. Very nice of you to keep her out of the way so long," I

He looked at me queerly, but said nothing. I did not want him to expostulate with me, as I believe he wished to do, and so kept apart from him during the evening, leaving him to play and

He was interesting, with his very nat-

ural manner of reserved modesty. I was

sing with Patricia.

soft, dark eyes, softly modulated tones. He contrasted nicely with her dark, spirited beauty. "Clyde has an elder brother-Ray-

mond - just the one for Patricia," I mused. "I wonder if it enmot be brought about."

But I soon had my hands full, for, at all hours of the day and night Mr. Redmond came to the Hermitage. And it was not long before my success as a decoy was patent to the most carcless observer. He asked only for " Miss Gertrude." He come solely to see me,

In three weeks the crisis burst upon

me. He proposed : "I used to think Mr. Sherrington was your lover," he said, standing before me, the light on his frank, handsome face, " but late observation has shown me that his visits here are for your sister. Since you are free, then, will you not marry me? I can support you well, Gertrude, or I would not ask you to bind your future to mine. The death of my grandfather two years ago left me \$50,000, beside some real estate. I have a pleasant home on the Hudson-retired, but elegant-to which I would like to take you. What do you think, Gertrude? Could you be contented to leave your friends and live at Rose Cottage with me ?"

nothing intelligible. In some indistinct way I temporized the matter, and begged reflection. He went away, making an appoint-

My amazement allowed me to stammer

ment for the next evening. So thunderstruck was I by the revelation of Mr. Redmond's wealth that i wandered about the house in a dazed way, not heeding how mamma was fret-

ting about Patricia, who had gone to ride with Mr. Sherrington. "What is the matter, mamma? Is it

going to storm ?" I said, at last. "To storm? Nonsense! Where are your eyes, Gertrude? But it is nearly nine o'clock. Patricia has been gone seven hours with Mr. Sherrington, and I know something is wrong."

" What?" I demanded, arousing my-

"I don't know." Nine, ten, eleven and twelve o'clock

passed. No carriage-no news. At noon the next day the buggy drove into the yard. Patricia and Clyde Sherrington alighted. Patricia coolly presented her husband. They had been married the evening before by our pastor at Lowbridge.

"You needn't hesitate to take Gage now, Gertrude, he's dead in love with you, and, as I like Clyde best, I thought I'd decide the matter without any com-

I think I was dumbfounded. But I

"So nice and quiet," said Patricia,

"No fuss-no notoriety."

plications,"

found my tongue when Mr. Redmond came that evening, and I said "Yes." I give my experience for the benefit of others. It is dangerous loaning one's

The Compensations of Poverty.

The prayer of Agur, "Give me neither poverty nor riches," has always seemed to me the best that could be offered, To have enough-to be comfortable-and to feel that it is enough, and to be grateful for it, is the essence of happiness, Yet, what we would call a modest competence, many would style after poverty -so entirely different are our ogtlooks in life; and those who "dwell in marble halls," and possess elegant equipages, horses, wardrobes and furniture, can hardly believe that those who have twostory houses, plainly furnished, without even a stable, can know the enjoyments that riches bring to them. But many of the people who now live in luxury were not lapped in it in their youth, but were born and nurtured in small houses, with little to spare to beautify their surroundings; and yet the old home possesses a charm to them that their own palatial

house never could possess. And are they so much happier, now that they are surrounded by gorgeous upholstery, and "sitler hae to spare ?" No indeed ! Poverty has its compensations; and the enjoyment of being able to make a little go a great way has a real zest which the spending of thous. ands could not produce. To be sare you cannot walk with due dignity into a shop, and select whatever suits your taste, without giving a thought to its price or being compelled to take a cheaper article, because your purse does not contain sufficient to allow you to purchase the more expensive one. You

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